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Libya, Tunisia go to court

THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (R)-The International Court of Justice today set May 30, 1980, as the time limit for Tunisia and the Libyan Jamahiriyah to file written arguments to the court on their dispute over the delineation of the continental shelf between the two countries. Tunisia submitted the case to the court, a U.N. body, on Dec. ! last year after concluding a special agreement with the Libyan Jamahiriyah on June 10, 1977. The dispute over off-shore oil exploration flared up in 1977 when both sides accused each other of sending troops and warships to an American oil-drilling rig in the Gulf of Gabes. Notification of a special agreement between states is one way of bringing a case before the world court. The Libvan Jamahiriyah submitted a copy of the agreement to the court on Feb. 19. The agreement provides for arguments to be submitted to the court within 18 months.

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"The bills will have to be puid." he said.

This decision was one of several aimed at getting Iran back to normal which have made the provisional government--led by anti-Shah dissident politicians--appear conservative to young radicals who also played an important role in bringing down the Shah.

"Why should people pay?"one young leftist said on hearing about Mr. Enteram's remarks. "They fought and died for the revolution, they have already paid."

On another front, law and order, where disarray became almost total during the weekend uprising, the Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Gen. Mohammad Vali Gharani, said it would take up to three months to reorganise the police and gendarmiere.

military office for the first time kept the automatic rifles and other weapons they seized from military armouries during the "battle of Tehran".

his orders to return to barracks

tually to join the new national army, he said.

in volatile Kurdish areas bordering fraq, prompting statements from senior officials that the government would never allow any

part of Iran to secede.

to be having continuing difficulty in supressing "counter-revolutionaries" in the northwestern border province of East Azerbaijan. The national radio said a number were arrested in heavy shooting last night in the

provincial capital of Tabriz, scene of fierce fighting last week. In Kuwait, the daily newspaper At Swassah reported today that Ayatollah Khomeini said that Fatah, the buggest Palestinian commando group, provided his

revolutionary movement with

military, political and moral support for years. In a message to the Fatah leadership, the Ayatollah pledged that the Islamic republic he wants in fran would provide every help to

the Palestinian revolution, Al-Sivassah said. But Avatollah Khomeim added that once his republic was estab-Ished, it would invite all framan Jews who had emigrated to Israel

to return to fran. At Siyassah said Fatah's assistance to "Tranian revolutionaries" included 20,000 Soviet Kalashnikov ritles.

Iranian authorities tonight released a 22-year-old U.S. Marine who was wounded in last week's guerrilia attack on the U.S. Embassy here after saving he

Works Agency in Jordan. John Tanner, issued a statement today describing as "totally inaccurate" a report in the Jordan Times today saying that UNRWA Commissioner General Thomas McElhiney had been relieved of his post effective April 1. The report quoted an informed source in New York as saving U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim asked Mr. McElhines to res-

McElhiney informed Dr. Waldheim in October 1978, of his desire not to extend his present contract of service when it expires on April 15, 1979, having then reached the normal U.N. retirement age of 60 years in January 1979."

McElhiney flat ly denied the report, although he would not issue an official UNRWA statement until Dr. Waldheim first responded to the report. Mr. McElhiney told the Jordan Times that he was retiring because "I no longer wish to work with the agency."

Before publishing the report Wednesday the Jordan Times describe the action."

Mr. McElhiney arrived in Amman yesterday for two days of meetings with UNRWA regional directors to discuss the 1979 UNRWA budget. The agency is facing a\$38 million deficit this year if more funding can't be acquired. The anticipated expenditures are \$168 million, but UNRWA now has only \$128. Mr. McElhiney

Vietnam claims more gains against China

(R)--Vietnamese Vice Foreign since he was dismissed for anti- Minister Nguyen Co Thach said Shah activism 20 years ago, said today China was concentrating no moves would be made "just forces near the Vietnamese bornow" to disarm the Fedayeen and "der for an even larger-scale attack other guerrilla groups who have than the one that started last Saturday, Radio Hanoi reported.

> Mr. Thach told a press conference in Hanoi that China was still sending war material across the border to its forces inside Vie-"China wants to invade the

whole of Southeast Asia and seize hegemony over the world," he was quoted as saving. Earlier today Vietnam said

China was creating a smokescreen by claiming its horder attack was limited and would soon end.

The radio said that in fighting yesterday Vietnamese forces had wiped out more than 2.000 Chinese troops and destroyed 12 tanks, bringing to more than 7,000 the number of Chinese casualties in the first four days of fighting.

The radio said two Chinese battalions were badly trounced. It gave no figure for Vietnamese

Indochina analysts in Bangkok said there were no indications that major Vietnamese army units were involved in the fighting. But a Japanese journalist reporting from near the battlefield said heavily armed regular units were moving north to engage the Chin-

ese.
The Soviet Union, Vietnam's ally, was reported to have sent spy planes and a cruiser escorted by a missile destroyer into the South China Sea following two warnings to Peking to get out of Vietnam

before it was too late.

Vietnamese army under heavy pressure in Kampuchea, where it has well over 100,000 men from either. Khmer Rouge guerrilla units moving close to several towns in the --- ese front positions at between 10 northwest.

began before dawn on Saturday. was called a "counter-attack" against Vietnamese provocations by Peking's leadership. But it followed statements that China wanted to teach Vietnam a lesson for what it terms Hanoi's invasion of Kampuchea.

main road to the frontier.

In Peking, diplomats said they had been told by Chinese officials this morning that the fighting was continuing and that Peking was not yet ready to pull back its forces.

extent of the fighting nor any casualty figures.

Diplomatic sources in Bangkok

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Feb. 21-The Director of the United Nations Relief and

In his statement, Mr. Tanner said "the facts are that Mr.

After a meeting today of the regional UNRWA directors, Mr.

checked with a highly informed independent source who confirmed that Mr. McElhiney was "being retired." The Jordan Times also checked with Mr. Tanner who said Mr. McElhiney was "leaving", but that the word "relieved" was "not the most proper way to

will meet with the regional directors again on Thursday.

said there were no signs of any The analysts also reported the pull-out of Chinese forces but added the Chinese troops did not

seem to be pushing further inside Various estimates put the Chin-

Amid limited expectations Camp David II starts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. But (Agencies)--Egyptian and Israeli negotiators sit down with U.S. officials in the seclusion of Camp David today to try to break a two-month deadlock in peace treaty negotiations launched there last September by President Car-

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance flew to the presidential retreat 100 kilometres north of Washington to meet Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil over breakfast before holding separate formal talks with the two leaders.

The expectations from this latest round of discussions are limited. Mr. Dayan has said it would be a success if it resulted in a summit such as last September's which led to the peace treaty negotiations. Mr. Khalil, aides said, was pessimistic that anything would be accomplished at this

meeting.
The State Department said the talks are aimed at concluding the

UN commission condemns Israel

GENEVA, Feb. 21 (R)--The United Nations Human Rights Commission today passed resolutions condemning Israeli policies and practices in the occupied Arab territories, despite opposition by the United States and other Western countries.

A large majority of the 32nation commission also urged support of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and condemned states which maintained ties with racist regimes of Southern Africa.

Israel was charged with the expulsion, ill-treatment and torture of detainees, confiscation of their property, destruction of dwellings and illegal exploitation of the occupied territories' natural wealth.

The commission called on Israel to release all Arabs detained as a result of their struggle for selfdetermination, and urged other countries not to recognise changes carried out by Israel in the territories.

In another resolution the commission reaffirmed "the right of the Palestinian people to regain their rights by all means' and called for the establishment of a fully independent and sovereign state of Palestine.

some officials believe nothing short of another summit would clear away the remaining issues. President Carter yesterday renewed his offer to call a summit provided that Israel and Egypt showed enough flexibility. Some U.S. sources believe this may be the most practical goal for the pre-

sent Camp David talks. Although the treaty is close to completion, the central issue remains the Palestinian question.

In dispute is a proposed side letter which sets out a timetable for concluding negotiations for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

During talks from October to December, Israeli negotiators agreed to the letter. But the Israeli cabinet rejected it. President Sadat in return demanded clarifications of several treaty articles on which negotiations were com-

The present talks opened under a total news blackout. Even news photographers were excluded from the opening session.

Mr. Vance felt the peace treaty negotiations held in Washington after the summit were slowed by heavy press coverage. His view was that the experience of Camp David last September, where the press was completely excluded. was worth repeating.

Hoss to make tour of 7 Arab states

BEIRUT, Feb. 21 (R)--Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss wili make an Arab tour, probably starting next week, to seek help in the implementation of U.N. resolutions for the re-establishment of the state's authority in South Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters after today's weekly cabinet meeting, Dr. Hoss said he would visit Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The Security Council resolutions provide for the deployment of U.N. and Lebanese army troops at the border strip with Israel.

Dr. Hoss said he would also discuss preparations for a meeting of Arab finance ministers to discuss Lebanon's reconstruction needs. The decision to hold the conference was taken at an Arab summit in Baghdad last

Sadat offers to protect oil flow

WASHINGTON. Feb. 21(R)--Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has told the United States he would be ready to order military forces into any conflict which threatened the flow of Middle East oil to the West, U.S. government sources said today.

financing Egypt's purchase of 50

American F-5 fighters worth \$525

powerful Egypt serving as a

policeman in the area was based

on an assumption that Egypt and

Israel would eventually sign a

Mr. Sadat was said to have

scoffed at the idea that Israel.

despite its special relationship

with the United States, could fill

Some officials have suggested

that the United States hoped to

underwrite a kind of informal

alliance in which Egypt would be

the active peacemaker in the Mid-

dle East While Israel served as a

The Egyptian leader was quite

whom he was prepared to defend.

At one point in the meeting he

unrolled a map of the region and

pointed out the nations he would

protect, among them Sudan, Saudi

Arabia, Kuwait, Somalia and

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the sources said.

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peace treaty, the sources said.

President Sadat's vision of a

Mr. Sadat's willingness to intervene militarily on behalf of U.S. interests was expressed last week to Defence Secretary Harold Brown, who toured the Middle East as President Carter's personal representative.

Egyptian military officials at the same time asked Mr. Brown for billions of dollars worth of weapons, including 300 F-16 lighters--four times as many as the United States offered Israel last

Mr. Sadat told reporters after a meeting with Mr. Brown that he expected the United States to begin trating Egypt on an equal basis with Israel in the question of arms sales.

According to the sources, Mr. Sadat said that Egypt, if adequately armed, could act as peacemaker in the Middle East and defend smaller oil-producing nations in the Gulf against outside

President Sadat was well aware that Iran's collapse removed a pro-western government which had provided stability in the region, the sources said.

He promised to watch the Iranian situation closely and be prepared to intervene militarily if American oil supplies were threatened, the sources added.

Mr. Sadat was believed to be referring primarily to the security JEDDAH, Feb. 21 (R)--The petof Saudi Arabia, which provides the United States with 20 per cent

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Saudi Arabia, today to discuss coordination of oil policies, the official Saudi Press Agency said. Kuwait's Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah and his counterpart from the UAE. Dr. Mana Said Al

rates (UAE) met in Dhahran,

Oteiba, flew to Dhahran for their talks with Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, it said. "A general strategy will be laid

down," the agency added. Dr. Oteiba, who is current president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), announced two days ago that OPEC oil ministers would meet in Geneva on March 26 to discuss the effects of the stoppage of Iranian crude exports on the oil market.

Oil industry sources in Bahrain said they believed the Geneva meeting would also discuss the question of prices, which have come under pressure because of demand for oil.

In Kuwait today, the newspaper Al Qabas quoted a senior Saudi official, Dr. Abdel Hadi Taher, as saying he believed there was no need for the proposed Geneva meeting to discuss prices.

Saudi, Bahraini rulers discuss relations against Iran background

BAHRAIN, Feb. 21 (R)--The rulers of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia held wide-ranging discussions in the Saudi oil city of Dhahran today against the background of the Iranian revolution.

Iran was not officially mentioned among the subjects discussed during the seven-hour visit to Dhahran by the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

But the Gulf News Agency said the latest situation in the Arabian Gulf and international issues were

King Khalid of Saudi Arabia and the Emir also reviewed the existing cordial relations between their countries.

Bahrain's ministers of foreign affairs, labour, information and trade accompanied the Emir on

In a press statement before leaving Dhahran the Emir said he was grateful to King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz for supporting Bahrain in economic development and other fields.

Gulf states, including Bahrain, were expected to gravitate more towards Saudi Arabia, whose oil and financial resources also makeit the most dominant power in the

bility will be neither wise nor sound," Dr. Taher said. Dr. Taher, Governor of Saudi Arabia's General Petroleum and

President Sudat appeared most

worried about the threat posed to

his country by the Libyan

Jamahiriyah. The sources quoted

him as saying he thought the

Soviet Union, which once was

Egypt's arms supplier is now

Mr. Sadat argued that the Soviet

Union could not completely rely

on the Libyan, Syrian and Iraqi

could always count on Egypt, he

quoted well-informed U.S. milit-

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promised that the Carter

Administration would consider

President Sadat's arms requests

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The Post sources said that the

Egyptian leader made no secret of

his concern over the balance of

power in the Middle East fol-

lowing the fall of the Shah of Iran's

By contrast, the United States

The Washington Post today

In urging greater U.S. support,

Tripoli's ally

governments.

was quoted as saying.

Mineral Organisation (Petromin). said Saudi Arabia favoured a cautious approach to increasing world prices. Several oil producing countries

have raised the prices of quality or extra oil they produce.

Kuwait's Higher Petroleum Council met in Kuwait today to discuss various oil issues, including current consultations among OPEC member states. The Kuwaiti Oil Minister was in

Baghdad vesterday with Ven-

ezuelan Energy Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta for talks on the impact of the Iran crisis on world oil markets. The two men had earlier been in Kuwait, Qatar and the In Algiers today, a spokesman for the Algerian state oil and gas

concern Sonatrach said it will ask for a rise in oil prices when it opens regular negotiations with its clients next month. He said the current situation clearly called for an increase but

stressed it would only be negotiated with Algeria's regular clients, within their long-term contracts which are due for review next New prices should become appl-

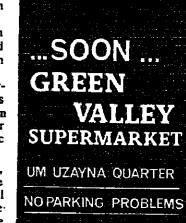
icable in April, he added. The spokesman declined to

comment on speculation in oil markets that the price of Algerian light crude could be marked up by between 15 and 20 per cent. He stressed, however, that Algeria was not doing any "spot"

sales and that the revised prices

would remain "reasonable and competitive." The spokesman said Algeria

had iong term contracts with more than 30 customers, and would take into account the long-term prospects as well as the current market situation affected by the Iranian revolution.



Until then, the National Guard and the seman, revealed that of armed civilian militiamen formed after the uprising would work" orders issued continue to police the streets, he Property of the Land Chomeini and Proner Mehdi Bazargan, Gen. Gharani, back in high BANGKOK, Feb. 21

Gen. Gharani said 50 to 60 per cent of the soldiers who deserted on the two tumultuous days of street fighting that set Iran on an uncharted course towards becom-

ing an Islamic republic had obeyed The rest would come back even-

The fledgling republic, whose framework and institutions have not been announced, meanwhile faced apparently serious trouble

Details of the fighting, reported to include raids on government outposts by Kurdish rebels, were not disclosed. But an indication of their seriousness came today when the government announced that an army general had been wounded in fighting in Kurdistan and evacuated to hospital.

The government also appeared

The Chinese attack, which

Kazuhisa Ikawa, correspondent for the Japanese Ashani Shimbun. said thousands of vehicles carrying Vietnamese army units, arms and ammunition were jamming the

In a report from Lang Son, 20 kilometres from the Chinese border in the northeast, he said tension in the city was mounting and only 13,000 of Lang Son's population of 46,000 remained in the

The radio said today that Viemamese forces had put more than 2,000 Chinese troops out of action vesterday. It said the fiercest fighting was in Lang Son and Cau Bang

provinces in the northeast.

They gave no indication of the

Regional Briefs

Feb. 21 (Agencies)—Egyptian Apwar Sadat has invited Japanus month-jong Minister Masayoshi Ohira to visit e Foreign Ministry said today. Mr. ivitation was extended in his perer to Mr. Ohira which was handed ptian Vice Premier Hassan ned El-Tohamy during their talks ing, the ministry said. Mr. Tehamy ere yesterday for a six-day visit. In , President Sadat hoped a broad rk for Japan's increased economic strial assistance to Egypt will be vhen President Sadat visits Japan her, according to the ministry. Mr.

int and business will jointly study will go more economic assistance as a second as Feb. 21 (R)--King Hassan of left here today for home after a ivate stay in France. The king was te to return vesterday but his aireloped compass trouble shortly -off and the monarch returned to flew home today aboard a French .: DC-8 because his own aircraft

TEL AVIV, Feb. 21 (R)-Prime Minister Menachem Begin said here yesterday the United States had helped evacuate 33 Israelis stranded in Iran following the revolution there, Israel radio reported. Addressing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Mr. Begin said 33 U.S. citizens were ordered off a Pan American plane sent to evacuate them from Tehran, and the group of Israelis, including a former Knesset member, took their seats. The radio quoted Mr. Begin as saying he was doubtful whether the Israelis would have been able to leave Iran without the Ameri-

DAMASCUS, Feb. 21 (R)--Hungarian Defence Minister Lajos Czinege last night had talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on cooperation between the two countries in different fields and ways of promoting them. An official source said the two men reviewed the situation in the Middle East. The Hungarian minister arrived in Damascus last Saturday at the head of a military delegation and held talks with Syrian Defence Minister Maj. Gen. Mustapha Tlas on promoting military cooperation between the two countries.

DAMASCUS, Feb. 21 (R)-Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis will make an official visit to Syria next week, the govemment announced today. A statement said he was expected next Tuesday for a three-day visit. He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Evangelos Averoff-Tositsus and other officials.

WARSAW, Feb. 21 (R)--Iraqi Vice-President Taha Modieddin Ma'rouf condemned "separatist solutions" to the Middle East problem, and said the Palestinian issue could not be solved by one single state or Arab leader, the Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu reported today. He was speaking at a banquet last night after arriving in Warsaw on a three-day visit. Edward Babiuch, Vice-Chairman of the Council of State (collective presidency), said Poland was very concerned about Egypnan-Israeli talks, but he welcomed moves towards unity between Iraq and Syria, formerly bitter rivals. Mr. Ma'rouf opened talks vesterday with Mr. Babiuch, and called today on Head of State Henryk Jablonski. But little of substance has so far been revealed of the dis-



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Who blinks first?

SO EGYPT AND ISRAEL are once again facing each other across the Camp David conference table, eyeball to eyeball, with each one waiting for the other to blink.

The chilly atmosphere prevailing on the appropriately frozen mountaintop is in sharp contrast to the optimism that prevailed in the balmy days of late last summer. The talks are in stalemate: neither side sees much actual hope of reaching an agreement; each is trying to outdo the other in voicing its determination not to compromise any further: both are looking for a prophet to deliver them out of this

Enter Jimmy Carter? For what Camp David II amounts to is another attempt to place the responsibility for Middle East peacemaking squarely in Mr. Carter's lap. The Egyptians and Israelis, and probably the American President himself, firmly believe that only his intervention can reconcile their differences, calm their mutual fears, soothe their recriminations and usher in a new "generation of peace" in the Middle East. The U.S., through Defence Secretary Harold Brown, has indicated that it wants to "play a more active role" in the Middle East from now on. From the vantage point of Washington -- and of Tel Aviv and Cairo, for that matter -- the Iranian events have made it appear all the more urgent that it should do so.

There is also the fact that, since the last round at Camp. David, the U.S. has drawn that much closer to its 1980 Presidential election campaign: some of the politicking has in fact already begun. Burdened with an administration whose right hand often doesn't seem to know what its left hand is doing, beset by raging inflation and looming fuel rationing at home, and having "lost" Iran (and not quite "won" China) abroad. Mr. Carter needs the biggest. brightest feather possible to stick in his cap before he "throws his hat in the ring" for 1980.

What concerns us, then, is that external factors have clouded the already murky Camp David picture. In gambling for higher stakes, the two main players, and their American kibbitzer, may be tempted to take risks: the trouble is that Egypt -- now more in need of American "protection" than ever--may be tempted to "throw away". say, the Palestinian card, while Israel, as always, will play its hand close to the chest. With Iran breathing down their necks, the U.S. might not be in a position to put the kind of pressure on Israel that is required if the proposed peace treaty is to have any moral weight, or logic, at all.

In short, expediency may win the day -- not an unusual occurrence in politics or diplomacy. And if that happens, we will be even further from peace, and possibly closer to

That is why an objective analysis of the prevailing circumstances in the Middle East since the last round of Camp David, should logically point the three parties towards an admission of failure: if they try to ram through an imperfect agreement, the price will be paid by generations to come.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

On the eve of the opening of Camp David II two signals came out from the U.S. and Israel clearly indicating the extent of Washington's and Tel Aviv's joint disregard of the Arab nation's just demands, even of the entire Arab existence. AL RA'I says in its editorial entitled "The Twin Disregard" Wednesday.

It says President Jimmy Carter believes that one of the most urgent matters after the Iranian events is to work for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours. But President Carter was quick to add to his vague peace formula his stress of "the need for holding a summit among the three Camp David participants before signing the unilateral peace treaty, provided that all parties concerned show flexibility,"

We really cannot understand why President Carter insists on ignoring the other parties involved in the Middle East dispute. particularly on the eve of the second Camp David deliberations." the newspaper says.

Now that the U.S. administration is carrying out a definite strategy that serves its interests through isolating Egypt from the rest of the Arab World, and now that Israel is consistently refusing self-determination for the Palestinian people to serve its own expansionist strategy, why are the Baghdad summit partners waiting all this time for the results of the negotiations?" Al Ra'i asks.

AL DUSTOUR refers to President Carter saying that the events in Iran have made peace between Israel and the Arabs more urgent than at any time before. The president's view might be somewhat true, but the vital fact, which "we wish the American president to remember now, is that the Arabs had sought, called for and exerted strenuous effort for reaching a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East many years before the events in Iran. But it was the successive American governments that were slack in responding to these calls and efforts, once on the pretext of preoccupation in the elections and once for studying the problem carefully and so on."

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University of Jordan plans computerisation of all its operations

By Alan Martiny Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- Anticipating a new more powerful computer, the University of Jordan's Computer Centre is going ahead with plans to develop the soft ware -- computer programmes -- for the full computerisation of the university's operations. The centre is now handling the payroll, registration and grading. But the university also wants to computerise some services which require a greater storage capacity than now available.

"We are working on computerising the inventory control system, accounting and the library," Dr. Ibrahim Karrain. Director of the university's computer centre, told the Jordan Times, "We are working on the soft ware now but we won't be able to implement it until a new computer is installed."

Another factor is the need for on-line services, remote terminals which provide access to the com-puter system away from the centrul unit. "We're looking for an interactive system where we can have terminals in the various buildings, such as the library, engineering building and administration building. It would be rediculous to computerise the library now if every time someone wanted to find a book they had to come to the computer centre." he The university is now realising

the importance of computers, Dr. Karrain noted, not only from the standpoint of improving its internal operations but also as an important subject for students to be aware of. The university is in the process of making one computer course a required subject for all of its students, i.e. a prerequisite for graduation.

The university feels that every student should know about computers as they are becoming more important to our daily life and they are a useful tool for research and analysis. At the moment computer courses are only required for engineering students.

The computer centre has an IBM 1130, which is a small or mini computer. Its design is mainly for educational purposes.

The computer was originally purchased for the university in 1972 but was located at the Royal Scientific Society for a few years until the university had room. The computer has been at the university for one year.

"We are offering three courses

rain said, "One on Cobal (common oriented business language). one on Fortran (formula translation) and one on systems analy-

Since the courses have been offered, the department has averaged about 120 students each semester. But last semester there were about 180 students.

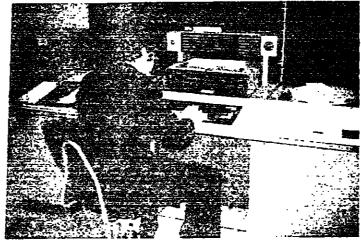
"The problem is stuff," Dr Karrain noted. At the moment the computer centre's staff consists of only three lecturers, one of whom is on sabbatical, five programmers, one in-put out-put operator and three key-punch operators. The university is only offering

a minor in computer sciences and services at the moment due to the lack of staff," he added, So before a computer course becomes a university prerequisite more staff will be needed.

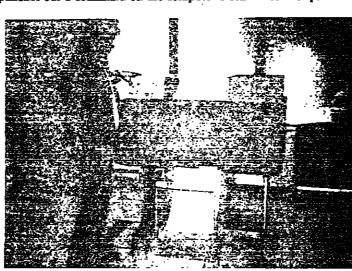
The computer centre is used mainly by university students, the faculty of medicine and the university hospital. The students do projects on the computer involving programmes to solve mathematical and engineering problems. The hospital and medical personnel use the system for statistical analysis in their research. The engineering. agriculture, science and husiness faculties also use the facility for research and statistical analysis.

"One of the bunefits of a larger computer system with a greater storage cupacity and op-line tacilities," according to Dr. Karrain, is that it may form a prioge between the university and the private and government sectors. The university would then be able to provide facilities to a variety of outside users.

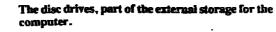
But mainly a new computer would upgrade the university's capabilities in training, research and administration. There is still a lack of trained people in the computer field in Jerdan." Dr. Karrain said, "The university's computer centre could help bridge



Dr. Karrein, Director of the University of Jordan's Computer Centre, punches out a command on the computer's central control penel.



The computer's printer.





An operator feeds the programme cards into the card reader.



University students prepare their programmes on the key-punch machines.

NOSEESOOK

Moshe's got it right, for once

By Rami G. Khouri

THAT OLD BOMBER Moshe Dayan dropped another one last week with his remarks about how the Palestine Liberation Organisation cannot be ignored in any Mideast peace settlement, which is the moral equivalent of saving that clouds cannot be ignored in analysing rainfall. It is particularly interesting that Mr. Dayan should make his PLO remarks just before the Camp David II conference gets underway in the United States. because the peace-making attempt that has now culminated in the Camp David re-run should best be seen in contrast with the development of the Palestinian national movement on a truly international level. There are many Arabs and Palestinians who are gloomy because they believe the future of the Palestinians can only be bleak in the face of concerted American-Israeli-Egyptian efforts to come to any peace agreement, at the expense of the rights of the Palestinians if need be. I am not gloomy. In fact. I think the juxtaposition of the Camp David II spectacle with developments in the Palestinian nation can only make them hide their tails in the White House, and tail-hiding compulsions in the United States inevitably lead to parallel stirrings of humility among America's assorted friends, clients, allies or colonies overseas. Iran is only the most recent example of this.

The Camp David peace-making effort can only fail if it continues to be based on the plan for Palestinian administrative autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza, which seems to be the case. In other words, as long as the Americanorchestrated Camp David approach continues to treat the Palestinian issue as lightly as it has been treated to date, there can be no peace from Camp David except a silly attempt to masquerade surrender as peace and enforce the charade with the power of guns pointed down people's throats, as happened so ignominiously with the Vietnam 'peace" of Messrs. Nixon and Kissinger. This is always a possibility, but I think it's unlikely, because it assumes a degree of political immaturity that the United States has not yet reached.

The Palestinian nation, by contrast, is moving in a rather more rational manner towards the achievement of its goals. Three separate processes make me think so. They are the obviously close ties between PLO leaders and the new leaders in Iran: the recent public move by Palestinians in Israel to align themselves with the mainstream of the Palestinian resistance in exile; and the growing movement by Palestinian-Americans to form their own organised political groups in the United

These three seemingly unrelated events may not attract the attention of political commentators who judge the forces of history by the number of television cameras at overblown press conferences purporting to announce major breakthroughs in achieving a Middle East peace, such as we had after the first Camp David summit. But that is not how history is made: that is only how television profits are made.

These developments in various pans of a Palestinian nation reflect a gradual but real as important development of what can best be called the political infrastructure of Palestiniza nation alism. It is precisely the same process that in place among Jewish and Zionist communication throughout the world during the first 50 years are here. this century. No wonder Mr. Dayan says he comignore the PLO and the Palestinian make tenore the reses in the Palestinians a reflection, his own childhood and his own still fragile nating infrastructure. If Mr. Dayan ignores the Patitinians, then he would be asking the world ignore him in return, because the story of kind national development and Palestinian nation development are identical...

The events taking place at Camp David's moving against the realities that form the cohesi and the breadth of the Palestinian nation movement, but the three things I mention above that are taking place within the Unit States, Israel and Iran are moving in the oppos and positive direction.

The logical conclusion of the Camp Da rationale is that if the Palestinians can be treat as a bunch of juvenile delinquents who have to given a five-year probation period during they can only aspire to making collective dear on matters of purely municipal concern, then moral rectitude of historical honesty would a pel the United States to treat Jews and Israel in same way. But this is obviously not going to li

So what do we have? The contradiction Zionism are being reflected in the peace-mai policies of the United States government of has become so hopelessly confused and in lectually incoherent because of its self-indiconfusion between its own democratic ideals. the self-styled frontiersmanship of its 182 client-state that it can no longer see when moving with the forces of historical ingvitable and when it is moving against them. The resir to replace the cleansing effects of histor enlightenment with the titillating effects of a vision extravaganzas. Nobel peace prizes and gressional aid packages belp make the prox more sexy, but not any more sensible.

It is only when the full contradictions of Zi sm and current American Mideast policies played out and left behind that we can hoo approach the Mideast peace-making process's any measure of credibility or hopes of success. cohesion and intensification of Palesti nationalism, as symbolised by the three ev I've mentioned here, help this process along does the self-destructive instinct of Amer leaders who must have a suspicion that they re doing is all wrong. For Mr. Davan to his funny little head into this picture and say unthinkable is to have a glimpse of what a happen for peace to reign in the Holy Land Pe can only be built on the parallel and simultane recognition of Palestinian and Jewish legitin rights. This only becomes more obvious the n it is repeated.

India expected to become top

importer of Jordanian phosphal AMMAN, Feb. 21 (INA)--India is expected to buy 700,000 tons of The minister was speal The minister was speaking upon return here from a three-day visit

Jordanian phosphate during this year which would make it the leading importer of the Jordanian product. Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani

> **Jordanian** religious

leaders condemn

Israeli arrest

AMMAN. Feb. 21 — Two prominent Muslim and Christian religious leaders in Amman yesterday condemned the continued Israeli provocation of Arabs in the occupied areas which culminated in the recent arrest of a number of Muslim leaders in the West Bank.

Agency reports said 12 Muslim Sheikhs and Imams were arrested recently in East Jerusalem for delivering anti-Israeli sermons in their mosques.

The President of the Save Jerusalem Committee, Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh, told Al Dustour daily that by this action the Israelis were flouting all human and spiritual values and defying international conventions that give men of religion immunity to speak their conscience.

The head of the Roman Catholic Church in Jordan Bishop Nī meh Al Sim'an said the Israelis arrested the 12 Muslim religious dignitaries in spite of efforts by the U.S. to bring peace to the Middle East and in violation of their human rights.

Sheikh Al Sayeh and Bishop Al Sim'an appealed to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and world organisations to denounce these provocative actions and demand the release of the imprisoned religious

to India where he discussed with government officials ways of promoting economic relations between Jordan and India. He said the Indian government has also agreed in principle to allow Alia. the Royal Jordanian Airline, to operate flights across India and that negotiations on the subject will be held between officials from both countries to work out an

During his visit to be Dajani explored possible help in extending electric p rural areas in Jordan espec the Irbid governorate wh second phase of the elect project between Jordan ar is under way.

Accompanying Dr. Da the visit were representathe Jordan Electricity At and the Jordan Phosphatt Company.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Documentary Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre has a documentary exhibition display about Georges Sand. Open during regular hours.

Photo Exhibit

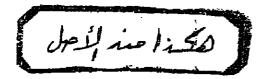
The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a photo displaymemorating the sixty-first anniversary of the establishment of Soviet armed forces.

Painting Exhibit

The British Council presents an exhibition of paint sculpture entitled "Portraits from the Jordanian Entity" by Sabahat Ortac Rashdan. Open during regular hours

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents Part III of the four The Siege" at 6:00 p.m.

The Goethe Institute presents a film for children, aged eight of by Josef von Baky entitled "Robinson soil meht Sterben." It at 4:30 p.m. and is in German.



Industrial Development Bank sets up centre for craftsmen

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As is perhaps inevitable in male-dominated Arab societies, only one loan has ever been granted to a woman applicant. which went to finance an

NAME OF COMPANY

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Jordan Cement Factories

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Jordan Ceramic Industries

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Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick

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Total number of shares traded: 18,901

Government Development Bonds

Total volume traded: JD 2,491

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Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co. JD 1.000

Total volume traded, Wednesday, Feb. 21: JD 31,662

Jordan-Kuwait Bank

Jordan Electricity Co.

Arab Aluminium Co.

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National Insurance Co.

Jordan Tanning Co.

Investment Co.

Industries Co.



Craftsman at work on product of the type to be sold at the Jordan

loans financed new projects, while 35 per cent financed expansion schemes of existing businesses.

The growth of the fund's lending has meant an increase in its staff to six full-timers, who spend much of their time visiting the premises of loan applicants, and making two follow-up visits every year to businesses that have secured SSIHF loans.

Like the Industrial Development Bank itself, the SSIHF gets a list of all new businesses that have been licensed by the Industry and

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

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Sixty-five per cent of last year's. Trade Ministry, and sends the let- 100,000 loan to the fund from the small-scale businesses to its fund- titioners. ing possibilities.

Very few applications are rejected, Mr. Hmoud says, which is confirmed by last year's statisties showing that only ten out of 139 applications were rejected.

Disbursements during 1978 were JD 203,600, of which JD 198,900 were for loans approved during the same year. This indicates that borrowers from the SSIHF use their loans more quickly than larger industrial borrowers who get credits from the parent IDB.

Total disbursements since the SSIHF started operations in 1975 are now JD 560,466.

The fund receives its capital from various sources, among which the most important are payments generated by interest differentials from soft loans from the West German and Kuwaiti lending funds, an annual ID 100,000 grant from the Jordanian government (though this has not been paid for the past two years), a JD 100,000 credit from the World Bank to cover 30 per cent of the SSIHF's quarterly dishursements, and an interest-free, five-year JD

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Local girl models traditional Jordanian dress.

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Winds will be light and variable with a slight increase in temperatures. In Aqaba Gulf winds will be northerly moderate and seas

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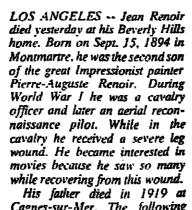
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Cagnes-sur-Mer. The following year Renoir married Andree Heuschling (stage name: Catherine Hessling), and in 1922 their son Alain was born.

His first work in the movies was the script for" Une Vie Sans Joie" by Albert Dieudonne in 1924, starring Renoir's wife. Not liking the way the film was directed, Renoir determined in future to do the job himself.

Thus, in 1926 he made "Nana",

in 1929 "Le Bled", in 1931 "On Purge Bebe" and "La Chienne". which brought him money and acclaim. In between he acted in films made by friends such as Alben Cavalcanti.

In 1932 he made "Boudou Sauve des Eaux", in which the great Michel Simon played an unforgettable clochard.

From 1935 on he showed a definite preoccupation with social problems. That year he directed "Toni", which became the bible of



Renoir made "Boudou Sauve des Eaux" in 1932 in which Michel Simon stars.

the New Wave directors who often called themselves children of Toni". The same year saw the pro-

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In 1962 he published al his father, "Renoir, my Fat 1974 his memoirs, "Ma Vi Films", was published a year his last novel, "Juli l'Amour', appeared. Hollywood gave him evening in 1975 and prese

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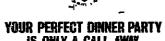
The famous "Partie de Campagne"



Resoir and Ingrid Bergman during the filming of "Elena and Men" in 1955.

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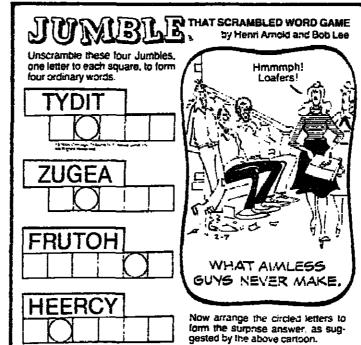






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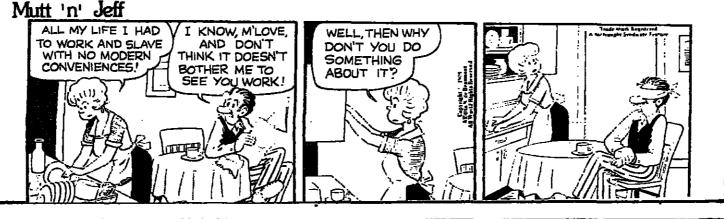
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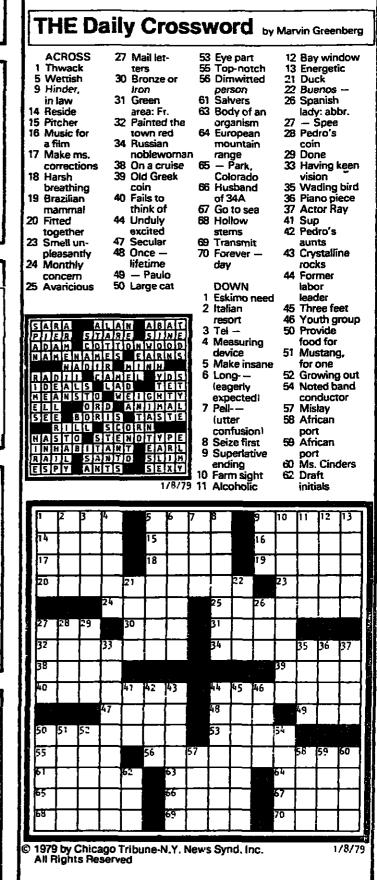
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'Inactive' volcano erupts in Java; over 150 killed

JAKARTA, Feb. 21 (R) - More than 150 people were killed when a long-dormant volcano erupted in central Java, 300 kilometres east of the Indonesian

scene in the Dieng mountain range said bodies were still being found in Pucukan and other villages and the final death toll could be much higher than the 155 confirmed by noon today.

Rescue teams and specialists rushed to the stricken area found

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21

(R)--Treasury Secretary Michael

Blumenthal leaves on Friday on

an 11-day trip to begin the task of

clearing away 30 years of disputes

The largely ceremonial visit to

the United States by Chinese Vice

Premier Deng Xiaoping showed

the new era of good will sur-

rounding the resumption of full

But U.S. officials feel the key to

laying a solid base for expanded

trade is the less glamorous

Blumenthal trip, with a dozen rep-

resentatives of the Departments

of Treasury, State and Commerce

who will meet their Chinese coun-

In the U.S. view, a solid bus-

iness relationship between two

nations is one of the best antidotes

advance of border fighting bet-

ween China and Vietnam, and

officials said it was unlikely the

fighting would force post-

The first order of business for

the Blumenthal delegation, and

The trip was planned well in

for political hostilities.

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Newsmen reporting from the at lease one access road buriedunder eight metres of lava.

The government ordered the evacuation of 17,000 villagers from an area three kilometres in radius around the Sinila volcano.

The Dieng range is a high plateau rising some 2,000 metres above sea level and topped by 26

Blumenthal's 11-day China

trip will focus on trade

most substantial progress, is the

China owes them \$196.86 million

for property seized in the 1949

Communist takeover. The Treas-

ury estimates, on the other hand,

that it blocked \$80.5 million in

when China entered the Korean

normal banking and transactions

between the two nations are

trip should lead to a speedy set-

tlement of the frozen assets issue.

But the process of getting the set-

tlement through Congress, prob-

ably as part of a general U.S.-

China trade package, could take

Other issues to be raised during

Mr. Blumenthal's visit are

requirements for a general trade

agreement, banking and invest-

ment relations and tax treatment

At stake is two-way trade which

U.S. officials estimate could reach

\$2 billion this year. While a frac-

tion of the \$7 billion in U.S.-

of foreign companies in China.

Officials feel the Blumenthal

Chinese assets held in this country

U.S. residents and firms claim

frozen assets issue.

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the area where officials expect the Taiwan trade, \$2 billion would

India claims U.K. responsible for 34 virginity tests

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21 (R) -- External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpavee told an emotional parliamentary debate today there had been at least 34 cases of virginity tests at the British High Commission on Indian women intending to enter Britain. Mr. Vajpayee said a statement in Britain's House of Commons by a Foreign Office official that there had been only two cases of virginity tests carried out in British posts abroad was untrue.

Mr. Vajpayee told parliament the government would put the matter before the United Nations Human Rights Commission as a case of racial discrimination.

Earlier this month Britain ordered an end to virginity tests on Asian women going to Britain to be married after a row erupted over a medical test at London's Heathrow Airport on an Indian woman to see if she had ever borne a child or had sexual relations.

Mr. Vajpayee denounced the test over which India protested to the

British Government as an "affront not only to an individual but also to womanhood and to human dignity." Angry opposition and ruling Janata Party members described the virginity tests as "rape" and a

Mr. Vajpayee said Britain was free to restrict immigrants but the medical tests "cannot but cast a shadow on our thriving friendship." He said Prime Minister Morarji Desai had personally written to British Prime Minister James Callaghan saying the case had broken all norms of propriety.

There can be no two opinions that the case raises serious doubts about the British Government's immigration policy," he said. The foreign minister expressed the hope that Britain would remove all grounds for any suspicion of racial discrimination.

The Volcanology Institute in Bandung, west Java, said the Sinila crater had long been clasaffied as not active.

But the crater erupted yesterday as severe earth tremors rocked the range for about five hours, each lasting several minutes. Newsmen reported that smoke and fumes were still spouting from Sinila this morning.

Most fatalities discovered so far ' were from the village of Pucukan, where poisonous gas, invisible and without smell or taste, killed them in their sleep. Reporters said the streets of the village were lined with twisted bodies of people who could not escape.

About 150 people were still under intensive treatment for gas poisoning and a number of them were not expected to live, according to first aid team members at

With some 500 volcanoes, about 50 of them active, the vast Indonesian archipelago is geologically one of the most unstable reg-

Eruptions are frequent but not normally dangerous unless they occur in densely-populated areas such as Java, which has 15 active volcanoes among its 112 crater

The government has adopted a policy of permanently evacuating people in the immediate vicinity of active volcanoes, resettling entire villages in the outer islands of the archipelago under a massive transmigration scheme primarily aimed at alleviating population pressure on overcrowded Java.

In 1883 the Indonesian archipelago was the scene of the most powerful explosion recorded on earth when Krakatoa Island off the west Java coast erupted and killed some 35,000 people.

mean a doubling of last year's

The U.S. Commerce Depart-

ment projects a five-fold increase

in total Chinese imports to \$50

billion by 1985, with the United

States claiming about \$5 billion

There will be some ceremonial

aspects to Mr. Blumenthal's trip,

too, as he is the first cabinet-level

countries resumed full diplomatic

formal opening of the United

States Embassy in Peking on

March 1. And at some point Mr.

Blumenthal is to visit the

neighbourhood in Shanghai where

he lived as a boy. Mr.

Blumenthal's family fled Nazi

Germany for Shanghai when he

was 12. He moved to the United

Blumenthal is to stop in Japan for

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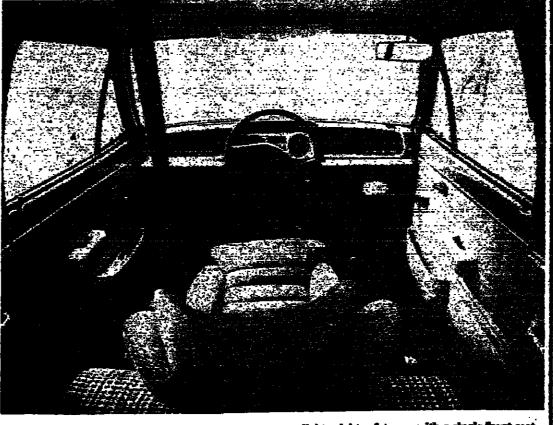
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by Mr. Blumenthal.

He is due to participate in the

U.S.-China trade.

relations on Jan. 1.



Prototype safety car may look odd, but...

This prototype light-weight safety car with a single front seat may look peculiar, but engineers in West Germany meant it seriously when they unveiled it at an annual congress in Nuremberg. A single front seat for the driver provides lateral zones to absorb the impact of a side-on crash without requiring costly reinforcement of doors and car bodywork. The designers note that well over half the country's households are families of three or less, that the average car carries only 1.4 people and that drivers log 70 per cent of mileage on their own. So why bother with that dangerous front passenger seat? But it may take some getting used to. (DaD photo)

Iran vows to crush those provoking Kurdish unrest

TEHRAN, Feb. 21 (R)--An Iranian army general has been wounded in the troubled Kurdish tribal area on the western frontier. Assistant Prime Minister Amir Entezam said today. He vowed that the government would ruthlessly crush those provoking Kurd-

No clear picture has yet emerged of the situation in Iran's Kurdish areas, but the government this week sent a highranking mission led by Labour Minister Darush Forouhar for an on-the-spot investigation.

Rhodesia: Guerrillas shot missile at Viscount

ALISBURY, Feb. 21 (R) -An Air Rhodesia Viscount airliner which crashed nine days ago with the loss of 59 passengers and crew was downed by black nationalist guerrillas firing a heat-seeking Soviet Sam-7 missile, parliament was told today.

White Joint Transport Minister William Irvine told a hushed House of Assembly: 'The (Viscount) was struck in the jet pipe of the inner port engine by a heat-seeking Soviet Strella missile, causing the plane to plunge directly to the ground." Mr. Irvine said Rhodesia must be avenged for the attack, the second shooting down of a civilian airliner in five months.

Responsibility for the attack on Feb. 12 and for the crash of another Viscount last Sept. 3 with the loss of 48 lives has been claimed by the Zambiabased Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) of Patriotic Front joint-leader Joshua Nkomo. .

Kurdish family, has called on the Kurds to ignore "armed elements" which, he said, were trying to upset national unity.

Major-General Mohammad Vali Gharani, the new armed forces chief of staff, said the military would never allow any part of the country to secede.

Speaking before news broke of the wounding of the general, named as Pezeshkpour, General Gharani told a press conference in Tehran: "We have no problems there so far, at least not from the other side."

The deposed Shah backed a Kurdish uprising against Baghdad's leftist rulers until March 1975 when Iran signed an

jabi, who belongs to a prominent cutting off the rebels' supply lines. The end of the uprising brought

thousands of Kurds streaming across the border into Iran where they were sheltered in special camps by the Shah. The Kurdish problem has trad-

itionally been a thorn in Iran's side. After the end of World War Two, a short-lived Kurdish Republic of Mahabad was set up inside the Soviet-occupied northern zone of Iran.

There has been unrest in Kurdistan and it has got worse during the revolution. There are hands at work there to provoke the people, but the government will ruthlessly crush those behind the unrest. Mr. Entezam told a préss con-

Pope to visit Poland in May?

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 21 (R)--Pope John Paul will return to his native Poland on a Papal pilgrimage in May, well informed sources said today. The exact dates of the trip were

not immediately known, but the sources said the journey would probably take place between May 13 and 15. If these dates are confirmed it would indicate that the government had reached a compromise on the arrangements for the visit, the first by a Pope to a Communist country,

It would mean that the visit would take place after the 900th anniversary of the death of Polish Saint Stanislaw, whose feast day is marked on May 7.

The Polish Government clearly faced a dilema over the proposed visit which could be expected to draw gigantic crowds of Roman Catholics in the heart of the Communist bloc. It had objected to the way the Catholic Church portrayed Saint Stanislaw.

Polish Catholics tend to present the saint as a national hero and model for modern opposition to temporal authorities. But Polish officials made clear privately that

they would not tolerate the 11th century bishop being turned into a prototype dissident and weapon in an anti-communist human rights

The Pope yesterday conferred with his successor as Archbishop of Krakow and the secretary of the Conference of Polish Bishops about his proposed visit.

World News Briefs

Bhutto's lawyers call for return of 2 judge. RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb. 21 (R) Lawrers for more ex-premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday called for the statement of two Supreme Court judges before it hears 2 in thion against his death sentence. The two judges were displaced the court before its 4-3 decision to reject Mr. Bhatto's appear the death sentence imposed for organisms the assessment political opponent four years ago. The defence said it believes reinstatement could swing the court in its favour was it is the petition asking it to review its verdict announced two wells the court rejects the new appeal Mr. Bhutto could be banged afterwards, Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, a former finance interes a member of the ex-premier's defence team, said he had be before the court begins hearing the final appeal on Sanniage before the court begins hearing the final appeal on Sanniage Waheeduddin Ahmad, 69, was dropped from the beaching stages of the appeal last December after suffering a stage. Pirzada said reports suggested he had recovered sufficient return. Judge Quaser Khan had cather return the beaching the beaching the beaching the property of the p petition seeking the reinstatement and hoped it would be on

Kissinger joins Britain's General Electric LONDON, Feb. 21 (R)-Former United States secretary Henry Kissinger has joined Britain's biggest electrical firm. Henry Kissinger has joined Bittain's orggest encurar many as Electric Company (GEC), as consultant to its board of direct company said yesterday. A GEC spokesman declined to reis much Dr. Kissinger would be paid but said it was the first inneaded the post of consultant to a fureign company. Electric is growing internationally and Dr. Kissinger's and certainly be very useful," the spokesman added. GEC has an turnover of £400,000 million and employs 191,000 period

El Salvador to refuse kidnappers' deman SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 21 (R)-Nearly three months at kidnapping of two British bankers, there is no sign that the ernment will bow to the demands of the left-wing gueralies is them. Ian Massie and Michael Chatterton, manager and a manager of the local branch of the Bank of London and America (BOLSA), were snatched on Nov. 30. The guerriday themselves the "National Resistance Armed Forces" themselves the "National Resistance Armed Forces demanded the release of five of their colleagues, a general and publication of their statements in the local press Burnel ernment has refused to comply with the demands, saying it see political prisoners. The FARN broke its silence two makes give evidence that its hostages were alive, but nothing has be since. The FARN is holding two other hostages, Japanese in man Takakazu Susuki and Israeli Honorary Consul Breefig Authorities recently found a so-called "people's jail" said belonged to the FARN, about 17 kilometres south of the Police think the four hostages could have been kept at that he then moved to a new hideout.

Iran-Pakistan train services suspended at QUETTA, Pakistan, Feb. 21 (R)—Train services between and Iran have again been suspended following instructions. Iranian government, the Associated Press of Ratistan again terday. However, the agency said, a train which left the 1 border city of Zahedan yesterday will arrive here today. The train left after it was announced that the fall services, sits about two months because of the disturbed situation in Irin resumed. There was no immediate explanation for the a

Church says no carbon tests for Turn she TURIN, Feb. 21 (R)-Roman Catholic Church authorities in not permit radioactive carbon tests on the Turin should held be the burial sheet of Christ, until the technique is pens spokesman has said. Monsignor Giuseppe Cottino said any tea shroud to determine its age would have to ensure it was it slightly burned. He said a radioactive carbon test would burning a small fragment. He was commenting on reports it Archbishop of Turin's office had turned down two request American laboratories to carry out carbon festing of the she shroud, put on display in Turin last year for the first time in & was seen by more than three million people. It is claimed the bears the imprint of Christ's body.

Premier blames president fi Chad's outbreak of fighting

NDJAMENA, Chad, Feb. 21 (R)--Chad Premier Hissene Habre blamed President Felix Malloum last night for a week of fighting in which more than 500 people died in this central African capital.

Denving that he had tried to oust the president in an attempted coup. Mr. Habre told a press conference that General Malloum and his "pitiful team of crooks" .provoked the bloodshed.

on Monday after mediation efforts by the commander of French forces in Chad and peace-makers

from neighbouring Sudan.
The rival armies have agreed to

Mr. Habre control the rest of the

Mr. Habre, a former guerrilla The two sides signed a ceasefire

observe their present positions. The president's forces hold the administrative quarter of N'Diamena while supporters of

who was made prime minister by General Malloum last year in an effort to soothe the country's ethnic and religious feuds, said he was still the legitimate head of Chad's government.

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Can Indonesia curb inflation?

If there is one word which Indonesians dread most, it is inflation. In 1966, when the erratic flame of Mr. Sukarno's regime was about to blow out, the prices of all essential commodities catapulted by 650 per cent. That record has not been beaten since, but even the mildest upturn in inflation threatens Indonesia's stability.

President Suharto not only brought political stability to Indonesia, but drastically curbed

Prices rose by 11.8 per cent in 1977, and until Nov. 14 last year they had risen by only 5.5 per cent. All seemed to be going well. And then came the sudden devaluation of the rupiah on Nov. 15, 1978. It threw retailers, consumers and foreign investors alike into dis-

Banks were the worst hit, especially those fattening on Jakarta'a money market. "One big Ameri-

lions of dollars overnight because it was caught off-guard with billions of dollars in rupiahs earning interest at an annual rate of more than 20 per cent," says an analyst. "Like many others this bank had been in the habit of converting spare dollars into rupiahs, picking up the astronomical interest then reconverting to dollars."

As the news of devaluation of the rupiah spread, so did renewed fear of inflation. Consumers made a bee-line to the shops for everything from pins to baby wear. An evewitness saw a brawny foreigner, apparently with bitter memories, walk into a medium sized store. He bought its whole stock of rolls of toilet paper by paying 35 per cent above the marked price.

This rush, naturally, became a self-fulfilling prophecy. Prices rose as much as 50 per cent, the increase in the room rate at the Jakarta Hilton. It looked as if the inflation spiral had begun again in

prices stabilised once more.

The principal reason for this was the bulging rice stocks (1.6 million metric tons), ten per cent higher than in 1977, when the country had to import 2.6 million tonnes of cereal.

"Our import figure this year will be nowhere near that," said Trade and Co-operatives Minister Radius Prawiro. "We will try to persuade people to hold down prices and not maximise profits. That includes government departments." But he added: "We are not going to exercise controls over prices except in the case of basic commodities."

Despite this assurance, the 50 per cent price rises since devaluation will not be reversed. The government seems to be aware of this. "Inflation at a rate of 15 percent for 1979 seems to have been ticked as acceptable by Suharto's cabinet," said a well-connected source in Jakarta.

But why did Indonesia suddenly

The sudden devaluation of the Indonesian rupiah late last year immediately gave rise to fears that the hyper-inflation of the mid-1960s might return.

devaluate the rupiah? No-one knows for certain. The official explanation was given by Widjojo Nitisastro, 51-year old Finance and Economy Minister, who announced devaluation. He said that it was only one of the first of a series of measures prior to the launching of Repelita III --Indonesia's third five-year development programme -- from April 1979. But no one takes this explanation seriously.

An economic analyst in Jakarta said: "It will certainly affect the development strategy, but no-one believes that Widjojo made this decision in isolation." Some observers believe that the ten per cent devaluation of the rupiah in 1971, and that of last November were done at the behest of the United States,

The reason for this is seen in Indonesia's huge foreign debt of \$10 billion (payable in rupiahs) to an inter-governmental group on Indonesia led by the U.S., West Germany, Japan and the Soviet

A Hong Kong-based money analyst says that though the U.S. and others of the group, except the Soviets, would get back less in their currencies than they had invested, they still consider this worthwhile if it helps in giving Indonesia a stable economy.

The Soviets seem to have been left out of the decision to devalue. But a Western observer at Jakarta said: "The Soviets are not concerned about recovering the full value of roubles loaned to Indonesia."

One obvious effect of Indonesia's devaluation is that prices of its traditional exports have gone down, making them highly competitive in world markets. Radius Prawiro said Indonesia

would exploit this by promoting sales of its furniture to Europe and Japan, plywood and veneers to the United States, cement to Thailand and West Asia, and handicrafts wherever they could be soid.

The impact of this export drive will become visible after some months, but devaluation has numerous other immediate effects, both on financial and human levels. The first relates to the con-

tinued mobilising of small savings into bank deposit accounts. Much has been done in this direction in the past decade, but will the saver continue to deposit money? Indications are that he will turn to asset acquisition under the present situation, where the purchasing power of the rupiah has gone

Secondly, the banks most heavily involved in pre-devaluation currency speculation might go into liquidation unless the government props them up.

Increased prices have already led to demands for salary bikes. Hardest hit are those about to retire, because they find their lifelong savings shrunk in terms of their purchasing power.

President Suharto will have to do something soon to restore the devalued value of their savings," says one Western diplomat in Jakarta. "It is this the educated elite which has solidly backed him ever since he took power."

Wage rises, however, inevitably mean further price increases, shattering the present fragile stability. The next few months will tellwhether Mr. Suharto can hold the spiral down.

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U.S. drops major charg against 6 Serbians accus of plotting to murder Ti

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (R)-U.S. ists have a record of the authorities said yesterday they their campaign for indep had dropped major charges against six Serbians accused of plotting to assassinate President Tito of Yugoslavia during his visit to Washington last year.

One of the government pro-secutors said the U.S. Attorney's Office had decided against taking the charges to trial to protect an undercover informant who gave confidential information about the alleged plot.

"The informant is still viable," the prosecutor told Renters. He said no actual attempt was made on President Tito's life.

The six Serbians -- three from Chicago and three from New York—were indicated by a grand jury in November for conspiring to blow up the 86-year-old communist leader when he visited mant of secret meetings Washington from March 7 to 9 last

But the six still face other w charges from the indictment of refused a defence pleasure attempting to kill the Yugoslav the tapes as evident consul in Chicago with a bomb lawyers and they would be blast at his home in 1975 and plot the secreted Scribber with ting to bomb a Yugoslav reception by an undercover information Chicago last November trust as likely in heigh low Serbian and Croatian estrem end of Appal

